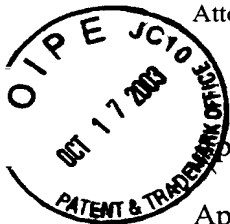


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Applicant : Toshimichi Kitaoka et al.  
Filed : March 6, 2000  
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Group Art Unit : 2856  
Examiner : Nashmiya Saqib Fayyaz

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice) dated September 15, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Abstract** begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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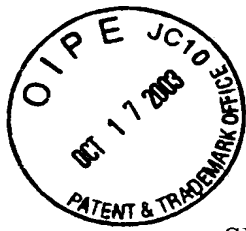
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$        is enclosed to cover the one-month extension.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this Transmittal are enclosed.  
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